

\$300,000 LIBRARY PLANS TOLD

Site on Civic Center Sought

If the city will donate a site on the civic center, the county may build a \$300,000, 12,000 square foot library there, according to a proposal to be presented to the city council Tuesday night.

A letter from County Librarian John D. Henderson indicated that the county is considering plans to locate a large building on the civic center to serve as a regional headquarters for 14 county libraries in this area.

At the present time, the regional headquarters is located in the Torrance Library, 1345 Post Ave. This building has served as the Torrance Library for many years and a year ago, became the regional headquarters as well. Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, Torrance librarian, heads the region. Most observers feel that the building is inadequate, both for library space and for the headquarters.

Henderson's letter asked the City Council to approve the name, "Torrance-South Bay Region," for libraries in this area. The city contracts with the county and library services, but at the present time, the three library buildings in Torrance are owned by the city. A fourth library for the Riviera section of town was approved by the city council, and plans are now being drawn for it.

Priority Asked
Subject to final approval by the County Board of Supervisors, Henderson said he would recommend a priority of 1959-60 for the construction of a library on the civic center with county funds. The \$300,000 figure would include both plans and building, he said, if the city were willing to furnish the site.

Libraries have been a subject of considerable debate in Torrance lately, with city officials debating whether to plan for several smaller neighborhood libraries or to build three or four larger area libraries.

The library board, which recently discovered that it had no legal existence because of an oversight in the ordinance, recommended larger area libraries, but the City Council voted to build a neighborhood library for the Riviera area.

Torrance Low
A recent survey showed that Torrance has the lowest number of books per capita in Los Angeles County and is second from the bottom in its tax support rate.

Torrance has only .4 book per person in the city compared with one book for Long Beach and Los Angeles, 1.2 for Redondo Beach, 2 for El Segundo and Santa Monica, 2.5 for Beverly Hills, and 3.5 for San Marino.

Torrance's six cents per \$100 valuation tax support compares with 11 cents for Los Angeles, 12 cents for Redondo Beach, 13 cents for Santa Monica, 17 cents for Long Beach, and 28 cents for South Pasadena.

Rivets Reports
If you were planning to work in the yard today, you'll probably be disappointed, according to Rivets, HERALD weatherdog, who predicts rain.

The city got .11 inch on Thursday, he reported. High a d low temperatures this week included Thursday (65-51), Friday (71-42), and Saturday (78-50).

Building Total Hits \$7 Million

Torrance had its second greatest building month in history last month, with \$7,023,419 in permits issued. Only January, 1956, with \$7,609,226 totals, was greater.

There was a difference in the type of construction permits issued last month and those issued two years ago, however. Commercial, industrial and hospital permits accounted for about 90 per cent of the totals in 1958, while home building permits accounted for nearly 90 per cent of the 1956 totals.

At the top of the list was a \$3,100,000 permit for construction of the new Broadway store at 21710 Hawthorne Ave, and an adjoining truck tunnel valued at \$225,000. Close behind was a \$2,500,000 permit for the Little Company of Mary Hospital at 4101 Torrance Blvd.

Other big industrial and commercial permits included Domingues Estates' plans for retail stores at 5012-20 W. 190th St., \$178,500; Arrow Brands aluminum warehouse, 1900 Crenshaw Blvd., \$180,000; Independent Building Material Co. for lumber milling plant at 525 Maple Ave., \$77,500; Felker Mfg. Co. addition, 1128 Border Ave., \$18,000; Arthur Barnett for additions to woodshop at 1115 Border Ave., \$12,310; George Binder for store alterations at 1301 Sartori Ave., \$50,000, and Shell Oil Co. for service station at 2150 W. 174th St., \$15,000.

The Church of God, 17681 Yukon Ave., took out a \$55,000 permit for a new sanctuary, and the Jehovah's Witnesses took out a \$12,500 permit for a church at 2303 Arlington Ave.

K. Krogstad made plans for two eight-unit apartments at 23857-61 Madison St., valued at \$60,000, while H. T. Latimer planned a four-unit apartment at 17511 Yukon Ave. worth \$40,500.

Wayne Nelson took out \$155,600 in permits for 13 homes in the 2400-2500 block on Arlington Ave.

Haystack Destroyed
Fire in a haystack behind the Creamo Farms Dairy, 166th and Glenburn, sent smoke over north Torrance and kept firemen busy for about five hours late yesterday. No one was injured and on structures were involved.



TOM CARTER
... Gets Academy Bid

Tom Carter Nominated to Annapolis

A 17-year-old Torrance High senior with a straight "A" average has been named Sen. William Knowland's principal appointment for the U. S. Naval Academy.

Tom Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Carter, 3256 Dalemead St., was informed Thursday that he is the senator's first choice from the state of California. Before his appointment is finally approved, he must pass a physical and college entrance exam.

Carter, whose high school record is unblemished by anything less than an "A", is president of the THE Scholarship Society. He also is a member of the Spanish Club, Junior Engineers, and captain of the Tartar Knights. He represented THS at Boys' State and served as a City Councilman in Junior Citizens' Day activities in Torrance last year.

The winner of letters in track and cross-country, he also belongs to the Varsity Club. He hopes to make the Navy his career. He is especially interested in engineering and flying.



YMCA KICK-OFF . . . The drive for funds in the industrial division of the YMCA campaign was kicked off at a committee luncheon in the Palms Thursday, attended by executives of industries here. Fred Mill and George Bradford, chairmen of the industrial division, get workers' kits from Ben Smith, chairman of the YMCA board of managers. (Herald Photo)

Burglars Hit Residences; Get Fur Coat

Burglars hit Torrance residences Friday and in one instance walked off with a \$4000 mink coat.

Raymond M. Hemphill, 237 Calle Mayor, told local police his home had been entered. A full-length mink coat and some small change were missing.

The Middleton Lumber Co., 3845 Pacific Coast Hwy., reported \$7 in cash and license tabs and registration slips for two vehicles were stolen from the office building.

Two Torrance residents locked their car and took a walk along the beach.

Returning, Wynn Welch, of 409 Via Linda Vista, and Judi Morgan, 233 Via Buena Ventura, discovered the wind wing has been broken and their purses were missing from the car. Values of the purses and their contents was estimated at \$30.

\$5585 Raised in YMCA Fund Drive

The Torrance YMCA's 1958 fund drive moved ahead, with a total of \$5585 collected so far, campaigners were told at a report breakfast Friday morning.

This is about one-fifth of the YMCA goal of \$30,000, with the drive slated to end on Feb. 20. The church and club division held on to the travelling trophy for highest percentage of goal collected. Chairmen Mervin Schwab and Bill Speck reported 47 per cent of their goal collected.

Donations Reported
Five donations of \$100 were reported from John Verburg, Dr. Allen Pyeatt, Sam Van Wagner, Standard Brands Paint, and the Rubbercraft Corp.

The parents division of the campaign turned in an additional \$1782.

Fred W. Mill, of National Supply Co., and George A. Bradford of the George A. Bradford Co., launched the industrial division of the drive at a luncheon meeting Thursday.

Eighteen leaders of local industries attended the meeting to prepare to raise \$12,500 in substantial gifts from light and heavy industry within Torrance.

300 Industries
Bradford pointed out that there are more than 300 small industrial corporations within Torrance.

Mill reported that eight of the larger corporations gave \$1000 or more last year. He is hopeful of increasing this number to 10 during the 1958 YMCA campaign.

Both men told of the good progress made by the Torrance YMCA as a direct result of industrial support. They pointed to more than 70 active YMCA youth clubs with 5500 members.

Support Grows
Bradford pointed out that although industry raises the largest portion of the \$30,000 YMCA goal; the parents, businessmen, professional people, civic groups, and citizens are constantly increasing their share of YMCA support.

Two years ago, according to Bradford, industry paid two-thirds of the cost for operating the "Y". In 1957, industry supported half of the cost. This year, the \$12,500 is less than 50 per cent of the total goal.

Full-Time Worker
The managers and other key leaders heard of the 1958 goals for the YMCA from Benjamin Smith, chairman of the board for the YMCA. Smith said that the YMCA hopes to hire a full-time worker to handle the rapidly growing teen-age program. He pointed out the pressing need for YMCA activities for these youngsters.

During 1958, Smith reported, the Torrance YMCA hopes to supervise more than 100 youth clubs; 15 summer camps for boys and girls; inaugurate a full athletic program on Saturdays, and serve more than 7500 Torrance youngsters.

A Penny for your Thoughts

With Paris designers doing unusual things to milady's silhouette, the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked this question:

"Do you think American women will accept the new sack dresses and high skirt lengths being shown by Paris designers? Do you like them?"

Mrs. Paul Crossman, 2143 Middlebrook Rd. housewife:

"I won't buy one. I don't think they look good. They look like the maternity dress. The majority will probably buy them, just to keep in style."

Ron Montellus, 1524 Torrance Blvd., Torrance High senior:

"I don't know if the women will go for them, but the teenage set will. I like the Twenties-type styles, but a man does like to know what he's getting."

Mrs. Edwin Smith, 2185 W. 236th Street, housewife:

"The thought seems horrible but they're bound to come. I imagine that everybody will buy at least one, just to see what they are like."

Bob Jones, 2630 Scannel Ave., policeman:

"I guess that that women accept them. They seem to be wearing them. Personally, I think they're terrible. My wife had better not show up wearing one."

Pennie Voten, 1724 Hickory, Torrance High sophomore:

"I think they will accept anything from Paris if they think it's in style. I like them. I don't have any yet, but I'm going to, maybe for Easter."

Tommy Wilkes, 1627 Greenwood Ave., jeweler:

"I don't think that type of a dress really dresses a woman up as she has been in the past. It just doesn't compliment them at all. It makes them look like a monk."

Planners Recommend Carson Zone Change

A change from light manufacturing to light agriculture zoning on property southwest of 208th St. and the Harbor Freeway right-of-way was recommended Tuesday by the Regional Planning Commission.

A public hearing before the Board of Supervisors will be necessary before the change becomes effective. The change was sought on initiative of the commission.



LEGION PRESENTATION . . . Students at Torrance High School were presented with copies of the Constitution and Bill of Rights by the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion. Shown at the presentation are Irvin Freivougel, district Legion Americanism chairman; retiring and new

student body Presidents Roberta Rogan and Len Ehlers, and J. Rome Gateley, local Legion school awards chairman. A similar presentation was made at North High Thursday.

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